

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 5, line 14, and ending on page 5, line 19, with the following:

The tensioner arm 36 includes a tubular slide housing 42 that is rectangular in cross sectional shape and which will slide between the wall 32 and the guides 34 shown in Figure 1. Guides 34, which include sections that are spaced apart along the length of the slide housing to form a suitable guide and support for the slide housing 42. The perspective view of Figure 9 shows the wall 32 with the slide housing shown in the support formed by wall 32 and guides 34.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 5, line 20 and ending on page 6, line 4, with the following:

The slide housing 42 has a fixed end member or base plate 44 (Figures 3 and 8) that ~~is~~are also part of a large spring assembly. The flanges 38 are fixed to slide housing 42 and end member 44. The track tensioning roller 28 is loaded to provide tension in the track with a spring assembly 46 that is within slide housing 42. The springs are used react or provide force on end member 44 which is reacted through a suitable end force reaction plate 48, as shown in Figure 9, that is fixed relative to the side plates 14 of the track frame 10 (also see Figure 8). A threaded rod 50 has an adjustment hub 52 fixed to one end. The hub 52 has a hexagon periphery nut 53 that fits through an opening in the end plate 48, and a circular flange 52A that bears against the inside surface of the end plate 48.

Please replace the paragraph on page 6, line 5 and ending on page 6, line 13, with the following:

The threaded rod or shaft 50 extends rearwardly from end plate 48 into the slide housing 42. The spring assembly 46 includes a first relatively low force or light rate spring 54 that is supported over a fixed length tubular sleeve 56 (see Figure 7) that surrounds the portion of the threaded shaft 50 between a threaded adjusting nut 58 that includes a rectangular flange or plate 59 that engages one end of first spring 54, and a slide plate or block 60 that forms part of a secondary or large spring assembly 62.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 14 and ending on page 6, line 20, with the following:

The large spring assembly 62 is shown in Figure 3 and in Figures 5 and 6 in section. The spring assembly 62 includes a the end member or base plate 44, that was shown in Figures 1 and 3 and which is held or secured relative to the side plates 38 and the slide housing 42. Base Pplate 44 will react force from a second heavy duty or high rate spring 64 as load on the track increases, as will be explained.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 21 and ending on page 27, line 2, with the following paragraph:

The base plate 44 also carries a centering shaft 66 that fits within the second spring 64 to keep it in position between the base plate 44 and the ~~sliding slide block~~plate 60. A pair of guide rods 68 are fixed to the base plate 44 by welding them in place or the like, but they slide through provided

openings in the slide plate 60, and are held at a fixed, desired length relative to the base plate 44 by welding or securing stops 70 on the guide rods 68 outside of the ~~sliding~~ slide plate 60.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 3 and ending on page 7, line 9, with the following paragraph:

Thus, the spring 64 can be preloaded by compressing the spring by loading the slide plate 60 and securing the stops 70. The spring is then trapped between the base plate 44 and the ~~sliding~~ slide plate 60 at a desired preload. The ~~sliding~~ slide plate 60 has a central bore 72 that slidably receives the end of shaft 50.

Please replace the paragraph on page 7, beginning at line 10 and ending on page 7, line 27, with the following paragraph:

As can be seen in Figures 1, 6 and 7, the shaft 50 is supported by the hub 52, and is prevented from sliding forwardly by force reaction end plate 48. The nut 58 as well as the spring 54 and the sleeve 56 form an assembly. The slide housing 42, carrying the end flanges 38, roller 28 and the spring assembly shown in Figure 4 can be inserted into the track frame between the guides including the top wall 32 and the guides 34A. Side walls 35 are also shown in Figure 9. The location of the guides 34 is also shown in Figure 9. The track can then be put onto drive sprocket and rollers. The nut 58 can be threaded along threaded shaft 50 to loosen the spring 54 so the tensioner can be moved and the track can be assembled. Then the nut 58 can be threaded by rotating shaft 50 using hub 52 and hex nut end 53, so it can be tightened to apply a spring force on the tensioning roller 28. Once the initial setting is made, the track will be